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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 11 -22, with the following amended paragraph:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIGURES 1A and 1B illustrate[s] the absorbent article of the present invention having a wetness indicator [of the present invention] that changes color upon wetting, with FIGURE 1A illustrating prior to wetting and 1B illustrating after wetting.

FIGURES 2A and 2B and 3A and 3B illustrate an absorbent article of the present invention having a wetness indicator [according to the present invention] wherein the background graphic is a series of large and small bubbles that upon wetting becomes a series of raindrops and small bubbles.

FIGURES 4A and 4B illustrate an absorbent article of the present invention having a wetness indicator [according to the present invention] wherein the background graphic of small and large bubbles in series changes to raindrops within the large bubbles, upon wetting.

FIGURES 5A and 5B and 6A and 6B illustrate instances where an absorbent article of the present invention comprises the wetness indicator [of the present invention] which includes a background graphic which morphs into an entirely different central graphic upon wetting.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, lines 24 – page 12, lines 12, with the following amended paragraph:

WETNESS INDICATOR

The disposable absorbent articles of the present invention further comprise a wetness indicator disposed between the absorbent core and the backsheet and in liquid communication with the absorbent core. The wetness indicator comprises a central graphic and a background graphic wherein the background graphic comprises at least one responsive color composition that, upon wetting, exhibits a visible change that is selected from the group consisting of a color change, a graphic change, and combinations thereof. In certain embodiments, the central graphic is hidden by the background graphic until such time as the graphic is wetted. For instance, FIGURES 1A and 1B illustrate[s] an absorbent article 20 of the present invention comprising a topsheet 30, an absorbent core 40, and backsheet 50 wherein the wetness indicator 60 includes a background graphic of a colored bear that once wetted (shown in 1B) reveals a central graphic of

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a different colored bear. FIGURES 2A and 2B depict[s] an absorbent article of the present invention wherein the wetness indicator includes a central graphic of colored raindrops that are revealed upon wetting of a colored larger animated bubbles background graphic. In other embodiments, the background graphic may be a different color than the central graphic that is revealed upon wetting as is shown in FIGURES 3A and 3B which indicate the difference in the wetness indicator pre- and post-wetting. FIGURES 4A and 4B similarly illustrate[s] that the wetness indicator's background graphic may be wetted to reveal a central graphic that is of an entirely or of a partially different color from the background graphic. For instance, each of the larger and smaller bubbles in FIGURE 4A prior to wetting may be blue in color but after wetting (as shown in FIGURE 4B) only the smaller sized bubbles may change to pink in color while the raindrops within the larger bubbles may appear pink in color while the surrounding larger bubble remains blue in color after wetting. Alternatively, prior to wetting each of the bubbles may be blue in color and upon wetting the raindrops that are revealed may each be a different color from the original blue bubbles and may still be different colors from one another. Similarly, FIGURES 5A and 5B and 6A and 6B illustrate how the background graphic may be an entirely different shape and/or color from the central graphic that appears upon wetting of the graphic.